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Could Biblical Prophecies Shed Light on Today's Complex Geopolitical Landscape?

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In the 1950s, a weapon emerged more potent than America's deadliest weapons of mass destruction—the weapon of mass deception, nestled right in our living rooms. The mesmerizing world of television delivers global news through two primary agencies: Reuters and The Associated Press. The Rothschild family acquired Reuters in the 1800s, which subsequently purchased The Associated Press, making them owners of the world's largest central news services. To this day, the world relies on these Rothschild-owned agencies as their primary source of news and information. In his book *"Who Owns the TV Networks?"*, author Eustace Mullins asserts that major TV networks, radio stations, newspapers, and publishing empires are controlled by the Rothschild, Rockefeller, and J.P. Morgan financial cartels through their corporate conglomerates (Mullins, 1995).

The media conglomerates owned by major financial institutions include weapons manufacturers like General Electric and Westinghouse, which profit from promoting wars (Herman & Chomsky, 2002). Control over the Internet, publishing, recording, and top cable companies can be traced back to the same *"Big 5"* media empires: General Electric, Time Warner, Viacom, Disney, and News Corp (Bagdikian, 2004). These media monopolies are owned directly or indirectly by influential financial families. While there are now more stations and media voices, critics argue that they're all coming from the same sources (McChesney, 2015).

Every TV show relies on corporate sponsors, and these sponsors tend to support programming and journalists that align with their business interests (Croteau & Hoynes, 2006). While global hunger remains a pressing issue, media companies often prioritize entertainment content, such as sports, which some argue serves to distract from more serious matters (Jhally, 2006). The concentration of media ownership has led to concerns about the power these entities wield in shaping public opinion and influencing political discourse (Arsenault & Castells, 2008).

Why haven't networks produced a TV movie about the Bush family's wealth origins? It could be titled *"The Awful Truth,"* featuring George W.'s great-grandfather Samuel P. Bush. His Buckeye Steel Castings Company supplied parts for Edward Harriman's railroads, which transported John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil, financed by the Rothschilds' monopoly (Phillips, 2004). This could expand into a TV series starring Samuel's son, Prescott Bush, as a director of Union Banking Corporation, which had ties to Nazi Germany (Tarpley, 2004). The first episode would show Prescott Bush's involvement with the bank, which was seized in 1942 under the Trading with the Enemy Act (National Archives, 2001). It could also explore connections to Fritz Thyssen, who financially supported the Nazi Party, and his dealings with IG Farben, a major German chemical company during the Nazi era (Hayes, 1987).

Episode 2 could depict Prescott Bush and Averell Harriman, both members of Skull and Bones, facing consequences under the Trading with the Enemy Act as the U.S. government seizes their shares in Union Banking Corporation (National Archives, 2001). Episode 3 follows Prescott's son, George H.W. Bush, as CIA director. He places drug kingpin Manuel Noriega on the CIA payroll, facilitating the influx of cocaine into America through the Panama Canal (Buckley, 2012). In episode 4, George W. Bush, son of George H.W., partners with Salem bin Laden—Osama's older brother—in a Texas oil venture called Arbusto Energy (Unger, 2004).

Episode 5 spotlights George W.'s younger brother Neil Bush and his involvement in the Silverado Savings and Loan scandal, which cost U.S. taxpayers $1.3 billion (Gerth, 1990). Episode 6 portrays the controversial 2000 Florida election, with Jeb Bush—George W.'s brother—allegedly influencing the outcome to secure George's presidency (Kellner, 2005). The series concludes poignantly with George W. Bush visiting Auschwitz, the slave labor camp where his grandfather purportedly contributed to the Bush family's wealth (Borger, 2004).

The sights are sobering reminders of evil's power and the need to resist it. Brothers and Sisters, as a follow-up to the TV series, an award show could spotlight the 20-year friendship between the Bush and Bin Laden families and their shared investment in The Carlyle Group—one of America's largest weapons contractors (Rosenbach & Peritz, 2005). For these families, war means big profits (Leander, 2010).
While the media creates an illusion of press freedom, the dominant opinions and messages invariably serve the banking agenda (Freedman, 2011). The chilling reality? Up to 15% of your monthly tax deductions fund bombs and troop salaries for these atrocities (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, 2020). Blood from innocent families and their children stains everyone's hands. The bankers' plan for world domination hinges on our cooperation (Pettiford & Harding, 2013).

That plan was allegedly formulated in 1773 at Mayer Amschel Rothschild's goldsmith shop by 13 influential German Jewish families, including the Rothschilds, Oppenheimers, Warburgs, and Schiffs (Ferguson, 1998). Their formula for global control is the *"three M"* formula: money control, media control, and military control (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). As rules changed to grant these families media and money monopolies, new laws are being passed to transfer military control to them through privatization (Leander, 2010).

A pressing question is: who are the terrorists, and where do they train? One controversial answer lies in America at Fort Benning, Georgia. Until January 2001, America's controversial training facility was called the School of the Americas. Due to massive protests against its activities, the name was changed to the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) (Grimmett & Sullivan, 2001). Actress Susan Sarandon narrated a documentary film titled *"School of the Assassins"* about this institution (Richter, 1994).

The film exposes the school as a terrorist training camp whose graduates include notorious murderers, torturers, state terrorists, and dictators—among them drug kingpin Manuel Noriega (Gill, 2001). In the media controlled by financial elites, terrorists serve to frighten tax dollars out of citizens (Altheide, 2006). Timing is crucial: on the second anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, George Bush requested an $87 billion increase in military spending (Stevenson, 2003). Simultaneously, the media released a dramatic video showing Osama bin Laden alive and threatening to make 9/11 seem like mere foreplay (Burke, 2003).
But how much do we truly know about America's infamous villain? Osama bin Laden, a multimillionaire, was the 17th of 52 children born to Mohammed bin Laden, a wealthy construction magnate with close ties to both the Saudi royal family and the Bush family (PBS Frontline, 2001). In 1979, the American CIA and Pakistan's ISI financed an anti-Soviet group in Afghanistan, igniting a lucrative decade-long war with the Russians (Cooley, 1997).

When the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, the CIA enlisted Osama bin Laden to recruit and train Al-Qaeda fighters against the Russian army (Cooley, 1999). However, this conflict had deeper implications beyond geopolitical strategy. At its core, it revolved around the control of vast opium poppy fields, which supply a significant portion of the world's heroin to addicts globally (UNODC, 2020).
These uncomfortable truths challenge the heroic political narrative presented in the media. The so-called *"freedom fighters"* of Afghanistan had become economically dependent on poppy cultivation. During the war, many Mujahideen significantly increased opium production, fueling the international heroin trade (Felbab-Brown, 2017).

The repercussions of this conflict continue to be felt today. Opioid abuse in the United States has reached epidemic proportions, arguably becoming the worst drug crisis the country has faced in decades, if not a century. Between 1999 and 2019, nearly 500,000 people died from an overdose involving any opioid, including prescription and illicit opioids (CDC, 2021), highlighting the long-term consequences of the geopolitical maneuvering in Afghanistan.

The international drug trade began in 1606 when Queen Elizabeth I expanded England's wealth by trafficking illegal opium from India to China (Breen, 2013). The British East India Company profited handsomely not just from drug trafficking but also from the African slave trade, led by John Hawkins (Walvin, 2014). The Queen knighted her slave trader with the title of Sir John Hawkins. By 1830, the British had distanced themselves from direct involvement in the opium trade by granting monopoly rights to the Jewish Sassoon family, who became known as the *"Rothschilds of the Far East"* (Bickers, 2011). As an agent for the Crown, David Sassoon shared his opium profits with Queen Victoria.

The British East India Company built a major factory to process opium in Ghazipur, India. This facility remains a lucrative earner for the Indian government, which sells opiates to the world's pharmaceutical industry (Buxton, 2006). When China banned opium and destroyed 600 chests of the addictive drug, Sassoon and the British retaliated. It was a financial disaster for the British empire (Lovell, 2011).
With huge profits at stake, Britain retaliated with the Opium Wars of 1839-1842 and 1856-1860 (Lovell, 2011). To defeat China's moral prohibition, Sassoon and the British forced drug addiction onto an entire nation, seized Hong Kong, and turned it into the capital of their international drug trade (Bickers, 2011). In 1872, Queen Victoria knighted David Sassoon's son, Albert Sassoon, who expanded the illegal opium trade throughout China and Japan (Bickers, 2011). In 1887, Sir Albert Sassoon married Aline Caroline de Rothschild, joining the fortunes of the Sassoon drug cartel with the Rothschild banking empire (Ferguson, 2019).

Today, descendants of the Sassoon and Rothschild families socialize with the British royal family as elite members of Britain's inner power circle. Many have been granted royal titles such as Sir, Countess, Baron, and Marquis (Ferguson, 2019). However, critics argue that these prestigious titles and social connections obscure a controversial historical legacy (Reeves, 2012).

Allegations of criminal activity have been leveled against these individuals. Across the Atlantic, Samuel Russell, allegedly part of the same opium trade network, established Yale University's Skull and Bones society using funds from questionable sources (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). Select members of this society reportedly gained influential positions in the CIA, US Supreme Court, and White House (Pettiford & Harding, 2013).

In the 1980s, when George H.W. Bush, a Skull and Bones alumnus, became CIA director, the agency purportedly recruited Osama bin Laden to train al-Qaeda and Mujahideen fighters in Afghanistan (Cooley, 1997). These trainees' mission allegedly extended beyond combating Soviet communists to managing Afghanistan's lucrative opium trade (UNODC, 2020). Heroin produced from Afghan opium reportedly generated significant revenue for financial institutions (Felbab-Brown, 2017).

Authors Alfred McCoy and Michael Levine claimed to expose the CIA's involvement in this controversial alliance, drawing public attention when the CIA allegedly attempted to censor their works (Gill, 2001).
Michael Levine became a bestselling author after writing about his experience of this unholy alliance, drawing from his 30 years of distinguished service with the DEA (Levine, 1990). His authority on the matter was undeniable. *"You could look at what they did to me as an example in microcosm of essential intelligence,"* Levine stated, referring to the actions of the State Department in subverting the drug war (Levine, 2006). He continued, *"The drug war was something that only existed in the minds of Americans on the streets of America. For kids like my brother, for cops who died, there was no real drug war. The biggest drug dealers in the world were given a license to sell drugs to Americans to support themselves. And this continued right down from Southeast Asia through the Mujahideen, through the Contras"* (Levine, 2006).

But how was the heroin smuggled into the United States? One of America's most gruesome secrets is that during the Vietnam War, heroin was smuggled into the United States by hiding it inside the body bags of dead American soldiers (McCoy, 2010). By the end of the 1960s, one-third of U.S.

One-third of soldiers in Vietnam and nearly 1,000,000 U.S. citizens became addicted to heroin (Robins et al., 2010). LSD, mescaline, marijuana, and hashish flooded American streets and college campuses (DEA, 2018).
What led America's youth to these illegal drugs? Anti-war celebrities like Aldous Huxley, Timothy Leary, Allen Ginsberg, and Bertrand Russell promoted *"acid rock,"* mind-altering experiences, and counterculture ideologies (Farber, 2013). Their efforts were allegedly supported by various institutions and individuals. Timothy Leary and others were involved in the distribution of LSD, with some sources suggesting connections to pharmaceutical companies (Lee & Shlain, 1992). Free samples of acid were reportedly distributed on college campuses and at rock concerts, where musicians influenced millions of fans (DeGroot, 2008).

Critics of the drug culture blamed parents, teachers, law enforcement, and everyone except those allegedly behind it all—the Rothschild-Warburg bankers and their purported Committee of 300. Dr. John Coleman, author of a book on the supposed Committee of 300, claimed that the Tavistock Institute brought The Beatles to America to launch a drug culture revolution, aiming to normalize social drug use (Coleman, 1992). According to this theory, these powerful figures used their control over record companies and advertising to finance celebrity spokespeople, fostering widespread drug dependencies. These addictions allegedly ranged from common substances like alcohol, nicotine, and caffeine to prescription drugs like Prozac and illicit drugs such as crack cocaine and heroin (Berridge, 2011).

Proponents of this view argue that the *"War on Drugs,"* like the "War on Terror," is a façade—a game played with one hand while fueling the problem with the other (Reinarman, 2010). Even the peace symbol adopted by the 1960s counterculture has been subject to conspiracy theories. Some claim it was designed by Gerald Holtom at the behest of Bertrand Russell, a proponent of world government (Kolsbun & Sweeney, 2008). However, it's important to note that many of these claims lack substantial evidence and are considered conspiracy theories by mainstream historians and researchers.

The peace symbol, contrary to popular belief, was not originally designed as a symbol of peace. Some claim it represents death, describing it as an inverted cross with broken arms. This symbol has been associated with various groups, including occult practices. In Germany, a similar symbol known as the *"death rune"* reportedly appeared on some Nazi SS officers' tombstones (Kolsbun & Sweeney, 2008).
According to controversial theories, elements within the CIA, including former Nazis and Skull and Bones members, financed and trained Osama bin Laden, who helped expel the Soviets from Afghanistan by 1989 (Cooley, 1997). The CIA then allegedly trained and installed the Taliban regime to manage Afghanistan's thriving opium trade (UNODC, 2020).

After years of cooperation, relations between the United States and the Taliban deteriorated. On December 4, 1997, at Unocal headquarters, American oil executives proposed building a pipeline through Afghanistan to the Taliban (McCoy, 2010). This proposal was driven by significant investments in Kazakhstan's oil and gas reserves by major companies like Shell Oil and ExxonMobil, located just north of Afghanistan (Felbab-Brown, 2017).

Now they needed a pipeline to transport oil to the Persian Gulf. The Taliban demanded a larger share and rejected the proposal (McCoy, 2010). Suddenly, the American-controlled media began portraying the Taliban as monsters, evildoers, and cruel villains who oppressed women (Cooley, 1997). On July 4, 1999, President Clinton froze the Taliban's U.S. assets and bank accounts, imposing trade sanctions on Afghanistan (Executive Order 13129, 1999). By February 2001, the Taliban had destroyed most of Afghanistan's opium crops (UNODC, 2001).
In May, Secretary of State Colin Powell announced a $43 million gift to the Taliban, calling it a reward for destroying the opium crops (U.S. Department of State, 2001). However, members of the new George W. Bush White House suspected the Taliban would use the money for more sinister purposes (U.S. Senate, 2001). The larger issue wasn't just failing to connect the dots, but not getting the dots at all. Why was the CIA unable to gather information inside Afghanistan for years, despite having the authority to eliminate Bin Laden for over two and a half years (National Commission on Terrorist Attacks, 2004)?

Why were they unable to eliminate Bin Laden or his top commanders? Why didn't they have better capabilities to address the issue at its source? Some have speculated that the banker-backed U.S. administration was controlling both sides of the "War on Terror" (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). George W. Bush attacked the impoverished, war-torn country of Afghanistan a mere four weeks after 9/11. The U.S. and British military unleashed 12,000 bombs on countless buildings and homes, reducing them to rubble and claiming 8,000 Afghan lives (Crawford, 2021). An additional 20,000 people perished from war-related cold, starvation, and disease (Human Rights Watch, 2021).

No one produced a big-budget TV special about this devastation with a "God Bless Afghanistan" soundtrack. The U.S.-British war on Afghanistan left in its wake millions of starving people and thousands of women still veiled, homeless, and destitute (UNICEF, 2021). Afghanistan has become the world's leading producer of both opium and heroin (UNODC, 2020).

There can never be true peace and democracy in Afghanistan because it would expose and disrupt corporate America's opium and heroin trade at its source (McCoy, 2010). So what were the outcomes of the U.S.-British war on Afghanistan? 1. The uncooperative Taliban warlords were ousted and replaced by the more amenable Northern Alliance warlords (Felbab-Brown, 2017). 2. Opium and heroin production—and associated revenues—soared (UNODC, 2020). 3. Afghanistan received a new leader, Hamid Karzai, who happened to be a former employee of Unocal Oil (McCoy, 2010). Additionally, America gained permission to construct its oil and gas pipeline through Afghanistan (McCoy, 2010). In the 1980s, the United States backed Iraq's invasion of its neighbor Iran in an attempt to halt the spread of Iran's Islamic Revolution (Cooley, 1997).

America played both sides of the Iran-Iraq War. It supplied Saddam Hussein with chemical and biological weapons while secretly selling arms to Iran (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). The U.S. illegally diverted profits from these Iranian arms sales to the Contra revolutionaries in Central America (Cooley, 1997). In 1983, the United States sent Donald Rumsfeld—who later became U.S. Defense Secretary—as a special envoy to meet Saddam. They discussed reinforcing Iraq against a common enemy, even as Iraq was using chemical weapons on Iranian troops (National Security Archive, 2003). U.S. companies supplied components for these weapons with Washington's knowledge (McCoy, 2010).

By 1990, tensions escalated between Iraq and Kuwait over oil production and pricing. Kuwait allegedly used advanced drilling techniques to extract oil from fields straddling the Iraq-Kuwait border (Ibrahim, 1995). This dispute, combined with Kuwait's increased oil production exceeding OPEC quotas, contributed to driving oil prices lower and heightening regional tensions (Ibrahim, 1995). These factors played a role in the complex geopolitical situation that ultimately led to the Gulf War (McCoy, 2010).
George H.W. Bush initially promised not to interfere in Iraq's oil dispute with Kuwait. However, when Saddam's army entered Kuwait, ostensibly to defend their oil reserves, Bush swiftly retaliated (Ibrahim, 1995). The ensuing conflict was framed not as the conquest of Iraq, but as the liberation of Kuwait. The U.S. military incorporated depleted uranium into their weapons, effectively disposing of radioactive waste by dropping it on Iraq (McCoy, 2010). Bush Sr.'s actions not only devastated Iraq's infrastructure and water systems but also weakened the economies of both Kuwait and Iraq. He profited significantly from the rationed Iraqi *"food for oil"* programs and secured lucrative rebuilding contracts in Kuwait (Pettiford & Harding, 2013).

Following the Gulf War, Bush Sr. imposed a decade of severe trade sanctions, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 1.5 million Iraqis, including 600,000 children deprived of essential medical supplies (UNICEF, 1999). Today, American bookstores offer numerous titles celebrating various aspects of the war, while only a handful critically examine it as a potential war crime (Pettiford & Harding, 2013).
This evidence demonstrates that we deliberately targeted civilians, resulting in the deaths of over a quarter million people in Iraq (Crawford, 2021). President George W. Bush claimed, *"You'll be fighting not to conquer anybody, but to liberate people."* In March 2003, he launched the second Gulf War. However, the true motives appeared to be colonizing the Middle East and advancing toward world domination (Pettiford & Harding, 2013).

Private First Class Lynndie England likely never imagined these images would be broadcast into millions of horrified homes. Regardless of her thoughts at the time, she claims she and her comrades had no choice. *"I told her to stand there, give a thumbs up, smile, stand behind all of the naked Iraqis in the pyramid, take a picture,"* she recounts (NBC News, 2005). Why were naked Muslim prisoners arranged atop one another in the shape of an Egyptian pyramid? The answer lies in the distant past. In ancient times, Iraq was known as Babylon (Grayson, 1975). The year is 586 BCE.

The armies of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, descend upon Jerusalem with divine wrath. Nearly six centuries before Christ's birth, long before the Solomons dream of empire, a dark chapter unfolds in Jewish history. As Babylon's star rises fiercely, the Bible recounts the brutal attack: homes pillaged, King Solomon's temple set ablaze and razed to the ground (Grayson, 1975). Saddam Hussein erred in comparing himself to Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar. The capture of Iraq and Hussein wasn't merely about oil and colonization—it also settled an ancient Hebrew score (Pettiford & Harding, 2013).

On December 13th, the producers of 9/11 unveiled a new reality TV show titled *"We Got Him."* Iraqis, however, claimed the video was staged (NBC News, 2005). Why? The footage showed ripe, yellow dates growing on a tree to the left of the hall where Hussein was allegedly captured. Every Iraqi knows that dates only ripen and turn yellow in July and August—never in December (McCoy, 2010).

Every Iraqi citizen knows that dates only ripen and turn yellow in July and August, never in December (Al-Khayri et al., 2015). Since date trees don't lie, the *"We Got Him"* video must have been staged at least three months earlier, in July or August, not on December 13th as reported (McCoy, 2010). So where is this leading? What does it have to do with us? These questions can only be answered by understanding what the Bible says about our future. You see, Bible prophecy is their roadmap, but they're trying to deceive everyone into accepting the mark (Koester, 2020). This way, they can drag as many people as possible into hell with them. Their purpose is to destroy souls. The plan is to create an apocalypse that will exhaust and depopulate the masses through deadly designer viruses, global terror, economic disasters, and nuclear war (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). When the remaining survivors are desperate, they'll gladly embrace the promises of a handsome, charismatic new leader who will unveil his plan for eternal world peace (Koester, 2020).

The charismatic leader will propose a plan for eternal world peace, claiming to address five main causes of war. However, he secretly knows that the true cause lies in the wars orchestrated by his royal ancestors for their own gain. His peace plan will be marketed as a comprehensive solution: He will argue that a world without borders will end border disputes, while a single interfaith religion will eliminate religious conflicts. Economic wars, he'll claim, can be resolved through a cashless, debt-free society. To prevent power struggles, he'll advocate for a single world ruler. Finally, he'll propose replacing all weapons with a unified world army, ostensibly to maintain peace. This multifaceted approach will be presented as the ultimate solution to global conflict, concealing the leader's true motives and historical context.
How will this eternal peace plan be realized? Through the United Nations, the brainchild of the Committee of 300 ruling families (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). The UN, their vehicle for world government, sits on 18 acres of prime Manhattan real estate—a gift from the most visible ruling family, the Rockefellers (United Nations, n.d.).

The UN, an illuminati pilot project for one-world government, operates with limited transparency, lacking public records or open meetings (United Nations, n.d.). U.S. taxpayers have invested significantly in this global authority, with estimates reaching into the trillions (Council on Foreign Relations, 2021). While many UN employees genuinely strive for peace, critics argue that the organization is secular and influenced by powerful interests (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). These influential families, who claim noble lineage, are often subject to conspiracy theories. Some outlandish speculations suggest supernatural origins, but a more plausible explanation for their behavior lies in their historical practices. For centuries, these families have engaged in consanguineous marriages—unions between close relatives such as siblings, uncle-niece pairs, and parent-child couples—to consolidate power and wealth within their bloodlines (Bittles, 2001).

This practice of inbreeding over thousands of years has allegedly produced a clever but pathological breed of conscienceless, sociopathic families who will stop at nothing to own every resource on Earth (Bittles, 2001). The United Nations, which they purportedly founded and control, has stated its goals of establishing a New World Order, a UN standing army, and a global taxation system (United Nations, n.d.). Some claim that Prince Philip and Evelyn Rothschild have established an interfaith declaration for the creation of one world religion (Koester, 2020).

What would life be like in this hypothetical world empire with one world religion, one world army, one world economy, one world court, one world media, one world government, and one world dictator? Conspiracy theory researchers argue that Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto and the Russian Constitution have been incorporated into the UN Charter, and that the New World Order will be a Communist world order (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). According to these theories, peace on earth would be a forced peace in which citizens would have no rights (Agnew, 2013).

No right to bear children without approval, no right to travel without authorization, no right to own private property, no right to privacy, no right to bear arms, no right to protest, no right to receive an inheritance, no right to choose an education, job, or place of residence—and worst of all, no right to live (Agnew, 2013). The right to live will be based on an individual's rating of usefulness to the elite (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). In this planned world without borders or nations, citizens will be disarmed of all weapons, including handguns, and will have no means to protest, fight, resist, or challenge this one-world authority who will control them spiritually, economically, and militarily (Agnew, 2013).

Every human being will be electronically tagged and become helplessly dependent on this one-world authority for all their most basic needs (Rethel, 2020). The masses will eventually be taught to bow down and worship this one-world dictator who will rule the entire world from his eternal throne in Israel (Koester, 2020). This world leader will be the most popular man ever to walk the Earth. He will be embraced by the whole world as the man of the hour, promising to bring an apparent peace (Koester, 2020).

He will emerge as a financial expert and peacemaker but ultimately become the world's most powerful dictator (Koester, 2020). His dynamic, mesmerizing public speaking will sway the masses. He won't merely seize power; he'll win hearts. This charismatic leader will convince people that he alone can bring world peace, prosperity, and security (Pettiford & Harding, 2013). His persuasive abilities will be unparalleled. The Bible describes him as possessing supernatural power, performing signs and wonders (Koester, 2020). He'll be incredibly convincing—the most appealing leader in history. While our spiritual perspective might paint him in sinister hues, the secular world won't see it that way. As a peacemaker, he'll solve long-standing problems, earning widespread embrace (Agnew, 2013). The media will adore him.
He won't need to seize power by force. People worldwide, disillusioned with disorder, bankruptcy, and seemingly unsolvable problems like drive-by shootings and revolutions, will welcome a great world leader with a plan (Koester, 2020). As prophesied in Revelation 13:3-4, *"the whole earth was amazed and followed the beast."* He'll be seen as a miracle worker, appearing to be a very good man. In fact, he'll possess many characteristics of a Messiah (Pettiford & Harding, 2013).

However, as Scripture reveals, Revelation 13:2 describes, *"The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority."* He's energized by Satan's final scheme to counter the real Messiah and thwart God's purpose (Koester, 2020). This figure is portrayed in Revelation 6:2 as *"a white horse. Its rider held a bow; a crown was given to him, and he went out as a conqueror in order to conquer"*—the first of the four Horsemen of the Apocalypse (Koester, 2020).

His control of the world becomes so complete that no one will be able to buy or sell anything without his mark of 666 on their right hand or forehead, as described in Revelation 13:16-17. Anyone taking his mark is doomed to spend eternity in hell, as warned in Revelation 14:9-11. All who refuse to take his mark—the Mark of the Beast—will be hunted, persecuted, and killed, as indicated in Revelation 13:15.

This mark will likely be linked to a global cashless economy, introduced in the wake of an economic calamity. This scenario is not outside the realm of possibility within the next few years. A powerful government could then control every person on Earth, reminiscent of the beast's authority described in Revelation 13:7-8. They'll know where and when we spend or receive money. Every purchase will be recorded. Cash will be obsolete. Everything will be digital. Imagine starting to pay for groceries when suddenly your number comes up. The cashier says, *"I'm sorry, but your number's been deactivated."* This scenario aligns with the warning in Revelation 13:17, which states that *"no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark."*

Then, referring back to the Bible, it states that he's given control over money, so people cannot buy or sell without his mark or number, as described in Revelation 13:16-17. According to Scripture, these seven years will be a time of immense deception, as warned in Matthew 24:24. The global media will promote this world leader and his agenda. During this period, all religions will be considered equal and merge into one compromised worldwide spiritual organization, aligning with the prophecy in Revelation 17:1-6. It's noteworthy that this future world leader will apparently succeed in creating a universal one-world religion. While this idea might appeal to the modern mind, it directly contradicts Jesus Christ's teachings, as seen in John 14:6.

To unify the world, it will likely be done through religion. I believe we're on the cusp of seeing this religion emerge, as hinted in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. It's likely to be an occult-based, pagan religion that will synchronize all the world's existing faiths, reminiscent of the warning in 1 Timothy 4:1. We can reasonably assume that he will somehow unite New Age beliefs, Islam, Catholicism, apostate Christian churches, and other faiths, creating a false unity that stands in opposition to the true faith described in Ephesians 4:4-6.
There will be a political and economic integration, but in the ecclesiastical or religious sphere, a second figure known as the false prophet will rise to world power within this organization, as described in Revelation 13:11-15. This false religious leader will persuade everyone to pledge allegiance to the Antichrist by performing great miracles, as warned in 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10.

True believers, those who belong to God, will avoid deception only through supernatural means. Jesus states in Matthew 24:24 that if it were possible, even the very elect would be deceived—but it's not possible. Thus, the elect—God's chosen—will be supernaturally protected from the widespread deception on Earth, as promised in 1 John 5:18.
This charming world leader's promises of global peace begin to unravel as the other three horsemen of the apocalypse ride across the Earth, representing war, famine, and disease, which bring death to a quarter of the world's population, as described in Revelation 6:3-8. Incredibly, the real horrors have yet to begin, as foretold in Matthew 24:21-22.

Catastrophic earthquakes, destructive meteor showers, and unprecedented natural disasters ensue, as described in Revelation 6:12-17. Despite recognizing these judgments as consequences of their rebellion against God, people refuse to repent, clinging even tighter to their false leaders for help, as foretold in Revelation 9:20-21.
Hail and fire rain from the sky, destroying a third of Earth's vegetation, sea creatures, and ships, as described in Revelation 8:7-9. A third of the fresh water supply becomes poisoned, while the sun, moon, and stars are darkened by a third, as prophesied in Revelation 8:10-12.

In the late first century, the apostle John witnessed these future events in a divine vision, dutifully recording them in the Bible's Book of Revelation. He describes otherworldly creatures that torment humanity so severely that people beg for death, as detailed in Revelation 9:1-6. As if this weren't enough, an army of 200 million annihilates another third of the remaining population with fire, as prophesied in Revelation 9:13-19.

During this seven-year period, Earth will experience widespread devastation from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, and various natural disasters, as described in Matthew 24:7. Nuclear warfare and its horrors will compound the catastrophe, along with plagues, famines, and diseases. The Bible predicts that over half of the world's population will perish during this time, as indicated in Revelation 6:8 and Revelation 9:15.

Humanity's current claim of autonomy—*"I am master of my own destiny, I can handle everything"*—will be put to the test. This is the essence of the Tribulation: God allows self-reliant humanity to demonstrate its ability to manage the world. However, left unchecked, this autonomous rule would lead to total destruction, "except those days be shortened," as stated in Matthew 24:22.
In the first half of the Tribulation, two miracle-working prophets of God in Jerusalem explain the reasons for God's judgment to the world. They also share the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, as described in Revelation 11:3-6.

Exactly 3½ years into the seven-year period, the world leader assassinates these prophets and enters the rebuilt Jewish temple in Jerusalem, demanding global worship as God, as prophesied in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. Those bearing the mark of 666 develop severe sores, as described in Revelation 16:2. Marine life perishes, and freshwater sources become contaminated, as stated in Revelation 16:3-4. People suffer intense pain, cursing God while refusing to abandon their sinful behaviors, as mentioned in Revelation 16:9-11.

The most devastating earthquake in history occurs, razing cities worldwide, as prophesied in Revelation 16:18-19. Massive hailstones, each weighing over 50 pounds, rain from the sky, causing immense destruction, as described in Revelation 16:21. Finally, the world's armies converge in the Jezreel Valley for the infamous battle of Armageddon, as mentioned in Revelation 16:16. This confrontation threatens to eradicate humanity but is halted by Jesus Christ's return to Earth, as described in Revelation 19:11-21.

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